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SUBJECT: LOS: INFORMAL MEETING OF NEGOTIATING GROUP I
OF COMMITTEE II (ECONOMIC ZONE) A.M. 5 AUGUST

1. FIRST MEETING OF NG (NEGOTIATING GROUP) I OF C-II
(ECONOMIC ZONE) HELD MORNING OF 5 AUGUST. CHAIRMAN (AGUILAR)
OUTLINED PROGRAM OF WORK OF THE THREE NG'S AS FOLLOWS: EACH
OF THE THREE (NG I ON ECONOMIC ZONE, NG II ON RIGHT OF ACCESS
TO AND FROM SEA AND FREEDOM OF TRANSIT, AND NG III ON
DEFINITION OF OUTER LIMIT OF CONTINENTAL MARGIN AND REVENUE
SHARING IN RESPECT OF SHELF BEYOND 200 MILES) WILL MEET IN
HALF-DAY SESSIONS IN ROTATION, RESERVING FRIDAY AFTERNOONS
FOR MEETINGS OF GEOGRAPHICAL AND INTEREST GROUPS.
AGUILAR TO CHAIR ALL GROUPS. NO STRINGENT TIME
LIMITS TO COMPLETE DEBATE.

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2. NG I PROGRAM BROKEN INTO TWO ELEMENTS: (1) LEGAL

STATUS OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE, I.E., HIGH SEAS OR SUI GENERIS
PLUS QUESTION OF RESIDUAL RIGHTS, AND (2) RIGHTS
AND DUTIES OF OTHER STATES WITH RESPECT TO EXPLOITATION OF
LIVING RESOURCES IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE.

3. AT PRESENT CHAIRMAN'S LIST OF QUOTE VOLUNTEERS
UNQUOTE FORMING NUCLEUS OF OPEN-ENDED NEGOTIATING
GROUPS INCLUDE 65 ON NG I, 38 EACH ON NG II AND NG III.
CHAIRMAN HOPES TO CLOSE LISTS TOMORROW.

4. THE BRIEF TIME AVAILABLE AFTER START OF DEBATE ON
ECONOMIC ZONE SAW NOTHING NEW, WITH GENERAL STATEMENTS
BY EXTREME COASTAL STATES (PERU, URUGUAY, ARGENTINA AND
TANZANIA) COUNTERED BY STRONG LL/GDS STATEMENTS
(JAMAICA, PARAGUAY, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, POLAND
AND UGANDA) DEMONSTRATING CLOSE TIE-IN BETWEEN WORK OF
NG I AND NG II. EXTREMES DEMONSTRATED BY TANZANIA
THREAT TO CONVERT DEBATE ON ECONOMIC ZONE INTO A DEBATE ON
BREADTH OF TERRITORIAL SEA, I.E., 200 MILES, AND
UGANDAN THREAT TO CONVERT DEBATE INTO ONE OF EXTENT OF
INTERNATIONAL SEABED AREA, I.E., NO ECONOMIC ZONE.
BRIEF BUT FIRM STATEMENT BY U.S. (CLINGAN) IN
RESPONSE TO STATEMENTS BY PERU AND OTHER EXTREME COASTAL
STATES THAT ISSUE IS CLOSED FORCEFULLY REMINDED GROUP
OF U.S. POSITION.
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